PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond

2

Substitute for Form PTO-1449

. (

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

to a collection of information uni	1633 It Williams a valid OMB control number.
DTOPRE	PCKFFE 200
Applicant Number	be assigned
Filing Date	1 8 spec 8 1
First Named Inventor	GANTZ, Bruce J
Art Unit	To be assigned
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Attorney Docket Number	COCH-0129-US1

			U.S. PATENT I	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (If known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
EW		US- 6,498,954	12-24-02	Kuzma, et al.	
EW		US- 6,308,101	10-23-01	Faltys, et al.	
EW		US- 6,259,951	07-10-01	Kuzma, et al.	
EW		US- 6,163,729	12-19-00	Kuzma.	
EW		US- 6,119,044	09-12-00	Kuzma	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		05			
		US-			
		us.			
		us-			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		US-			
·	1	US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner	Cite	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines,	
Initials*	No.1	Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YY	Applicant of Cited Document	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
EW		WQ 00/71063	11-30-00	Cochlear Limited		
EW		WO 97/26943	07-31-97	Advanced Bionics Corp.		
EW		WO 96/31087	10-03-96	Cochlear Limited) - 0-00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
			ļ			
						<u> </u>
					<u> </u>	L

Examiner's Signature	/Eugene Wu/	Date Considered	01/29/2007	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

DEBAR	ecidsPGT/PHE	30/2000 On Tes
20.00.16		

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COM Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond

Substitute for Form PTO-1449

#

Sheet



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

o a collection of information uni	less it contains a valid OMB control numbe			
Company If Known				
Applicant Number	To LES 18811			
Filing Date	To be a depled I O O I I			
First Named Inventor	GANTZ, Bruce J.			
Art Unit	To be assigned			
Examiner Name	To be assigned			
Attorney Docket Number	COCH 0120-US1			

	NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. GANTZ, et al. * Combining Acoustic and Electrical Hearing* Laryngoscope, 113 (Oct. 2003), PG. 1726 - 1730	Τ²		
EM		GANTZ, et al. * Combining Acoustic and Electrical Hearing* Laryngoscope, 113 (Oct. 2003), PG. 1726 - 1730			
<u></u>					
			l		
			1		
			ļ		
			l		
			l		
			 		
			ļ		
			 		
,			N		
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

Examiner's Signature	/Eugene Wu/	•	Date Considered	01/29/2007	

^{*}EXAMINER; Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.